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### IT IS ABBITT AGAIN — OF COURSE!

One of the finest tributes to the service of Representative Watkins M. Abbitt, of Appomattox, is that no one of prominence in the Fourth District has even given any thought to the possibility of his having opposition for re-election to another term in Congress. In fact, if the subject is mentioned at all, it receives the comment: Why, it will be Abbitt—OF COURSE!

This newspaper recalls with satisfaction, that when Mr. Abbitt first offered for Congress, we made the statement that, in our opinion, he would make the kind of Congressman that the district would want not only to elect but to RE-ELECT.

Much of the satisfaction with the service of Mr. Abbitt comes from his remarkable service to the agricultural interests of his district. He has secured a top position of leadership on the House Agricultural Committee and has used this position to advantage to press for protection of the economic welfare of the farmer. This applies especially to tobacco and peanut growers, two major groups in his district.

The deadline for filing for Congress is at hand, and we are pleased to hail the fact that Congressman Abbitt will be unopposed. Not that we would fear for his ability to overcome opposition. But we are happy to see our belief in his service vindicated in performance in Washington and in the district. Thus fortified with a genuine vote of confidence in November, he will be in a position to rise to even greater usefulness.

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### PITY THE WEATHER BUREAU

Readers will remember the unexpected snow which arrived in many Eastern areas simultaneously with the arrival of spring. A foot or more of snow greeted residents in some sections, as a result of that storm, which paralyzed normal life in New York City and many other metropolitan areas in the North, Northeast and further West.

It seems that the battered weather bureau serving the affected area has come under criticism because of its forecast prior to the recent snowstorm. As was the case with several hurricanes in recent years, residents are blaming the weather bureau for their troubles.

No one should expect a weather bureau to accurately predict a snowfall, as to the inches which will fall. Weather, it should be remembered, is still a great unknown, and something the experts still do not know too much about.

Even with all scientific data available and an accumulation of reports from various sections, forecasters today cannot be positive their forecasts will be accurate. That the weather bureau serving the Eastern metropolitan areas predicted snow on the day that the snowstorm arrived is good enough.

Time was when a snow fell and no one was blamed. Now we seem to be ready to take out our bad luck on any one, including the poor fellow in the office at the weather bureau.

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### TELEPHONE BELL OBSOLETE?

It may not be very long before the ringing of your telephone will be greatly different from the bell-ringing system now in current use. Bell Laboratories are about to perfect a musical tone device which will replace the bell.

In the small town of Crystal Lake, Illinois, a field trial of the new device will take place this spring and several hundred customers will get an idea of how it works. Their reaction will be important.

We are highly in favor of the new device. Its advantages are many, which we will explain presently. The disadvantages of the present type telephone bell are many.

Anyone who has ever been absorbed in a business conference, when a telephone (probably with bell volume tuned up too high) suddenly rang, knows how distracting the miniature firm-alarm can be. And those who must keep the bell adjusted for maximum sound, because the telephone is in a distant location in the house, are constantly being knocked out of their chairs when they happen to be sitting nearby when the phone detonates.

The new tone device, which will probably replace the bell, produces a musical tone, which is more easily heard by the deaf. In addition, it is different from the traditional door-bell sound, or alarm clock sound. Further, it is described as a very pleasant sound, which will be able to be heard at a greater distance than the bell, though it is not as disturbing as is the present bell.

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If you have one or two good friends, you are lucky. If you are friendly to only one or two persons, you should be ashamed of yourself.

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Hard work and no play is bad, but not nearly as bad as no work and too much play.


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## From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

### Happy Ending With A "Familiar Ring"

**Buck Howell says he and his Missus had quite a time at the Stockman's Convention in Chicago. But for a while they had a "breakdown in communications."**

**The phone bell in their hotel room was pitched so low they often didn't answer their calls. "Never knew if it was for us or not," Buck said, "always sounded far off—like it was ringing in someone else's room."**

**Finally, Buck hit on the obvious solution. He just made a deal with the hotel switchboard operator that whenever she called them she'd use two long rings and a short—their party-line signal back home.**

**From where I sit, our own familiar routines tend to make other ways of doing things seem strange. That's natural. For instance, if you've always had ice water with your meals, you might think it's odd that lots of us prefer a bottle of beer at dinner-time. I say you've a right to *your* own customs . . . but don't call *mine* wrong.**

*Joe Marsh*

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### WHERE BALL PLAYERS COME FROM

If you have ever wondered where major league baseball players come from, a recent tabulation sheds some light on the subject. The tabulation shows today's baseball stars are being drawn increasingly from the metropolitan areas.

That is a different story from conditions which held true a generation ago. In the old days, most of the major league stars were players who got their start on the sandlots, or from the small towns of the country.

Probably the best ball player of all time, Ty Cobb, came from the town of Narrows, Georgia. Other great stars, like Hornsby, Speaker, Matthewson, Johnson, Sisler and many others, also came from small towns. Today, however, the industrial areas, where the population ratio is high, produces a lion's share of our baseball stars. By states, California leads all others in supplying regulars to major league teams. Pennsylvania is next, New York third, Illinois fourth, Missouri fifth, Michigan sixth, North Carolina seventh, Texas eighth, Ohio ninth and New Jersey tenth.

Six states currently have no native sons on any of the sixteen major league teams. They are: Wyoming, Utah, South Dakota, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota and Colorado.

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### HOW TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

Senator Harry F. Byrd has presented his annual "Byrd Budget." The Virginia Senator calls on Congress to trim expenditures by $3,200,000,000. He wants this amount cut from the proposed outlays of the Eisenhower Administration. Unless these cuts are made, Byrd argues, a continuation of high taxes is "an inescapable necessity."

Senator Byrd is chairman of the Senate Finance committee and also chairman of the joint committee on reduction of nonessential Federal expenditures. The Finance committee is now considering a bill to postpone for another twelve months automatic tax reductions which were scheduled to take effect on April 1st. The House has already acted on a bill to extend corporation and excise taxes.

We believe the budget should be balanced for fiscal 1957 Trimming the President's foreign aid program may contribute to getting the budget in near balance. This is an election year, and it going to be difficult to trim appropriations. But, of one thing we may be certain. That is that Senator Byrd will be trying to get Federal finances in order.

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Nothing indicates approval of a newspaper like a subscription payment.

### VEPCO'S BREMO PLANT GETS SAFETY AWARD

Virginia Electric and Power Company has been cited for its Bremo Power Station record of eight straight years without a disabling injury.

Vepco President Erwin H. Will announced today that Edison Electric Institute has presented the company with the Safety Award of Merit. The Institute is the trade association of the electric industry. The award recognizes Bremo personnel for working more than a million and one-half man hours without a lost-time accident.

Richmond's Twelfth Street station currently holds the safety record among the major power plants. Personnel worked 1,669,726 man hours without a lost-time accident August 4, 1949, until the Richmond station's lost-time next fall if they avoid disabling injuries until then.

The electric industry's sixty-fifth in the frequency of accidents among the 40 industries listed by the National Safety Council. Vepco cut its injury rate by 27 per cent last year. Will added.


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## THE BIBLE SPEAKS

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DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Golden Text: Acts 1:8

### Our Mission

Lesson for April 8, 1956

Dr. Foreman

WHEN a great bomber sets off on a military mission, or when a plane loaded with leaflets sets off on a propaganda mission, no matter how good the plane is or how good the intentions, the mission will be a failure without three essentials for success. One is gas enough to reach the target. The second is an engine that will not "conk out" in mid-air or return-ing. The third is an engine that can be relied upon to function under all weather conditions. The third essential is a crew that will make inspections, know how to fly the plane and to know how to load at night time, at the right place.

**The Mission of the Church**

Our last words Jesus uttered before his Ascension was "Go." But what is a going church? Sometimes all that is meant by that expression is simply a church that has meetings once in a while. But that is not the idea Christ had in mind. The original Christian church had meetings, and good as they were; but it began to go after the meetings were over and the disciples scattered everywhere, bringing the Word, the good news of God's love, the good news about Jesus. The church was going when it was growing; going when it took the message to new places and to people who had never heard it before. A going church, in short, is a missionary church. Some people don't like the word "missionary." It seems to carry or suggest the idea of superiority. But it at all! We do have a superiority in our Christian faith and life. But we do not have to be conceited about it. Does a salesman have to be conceited if he is selling the best line on the market? Does a doctor have to be conceited about prescribing the best drug yet invented? We did not invent our religion. God gave it to us. He gave it to us to keep and share; and if we do not share it we shall hardly keep it.

**Power of the Spirit**

Going back to that airplane analogy: Enough gas, plus an efficient engine, spells POWER. No matter how important the mission is, no matter how good the intentions are, without the power everything collapses. So it is with the church. Our mission has been set by God himself. But when the church leaves off with its tanks empty, and some home-made do-yourself tinkered-up sewing machine in place of a good engine, it will never accomplish its mission no matter how good it is. Aiming to reach the target is not enough. Don't we all pray, "Thy kingdom come on earth . . . ?" That is a missionary prayer. Don't most churches offer prayer for missions, and even take up offerings for missions? Yet any one who knows the church will tell you that the church's missionary responsibility is shirked and neglected. We play at missions. We leave millions on millions without a ray of Gospel. The record of many a congregation, if you looked at it, would never suggest that that church knew much or cared much about what Jesus said on his church in his solemn last word: "Go—into all the world!" The trouble is that the church does not have the power. We could have the same power the first Christians had, the power of the Holy Spirit. Only a Spirit-filled church is going to be much of a missionary church.

**Power of Testimony**

The other necessity of the plane is a "mission" is personnel. Power alone is not enough. There must be men who are prepared to use that power. Now Christians individually, or the church at large must "use" the Holy Spirit, for no one can use God. But God's power is not poured out on just anybody (as many stories in the Bible show). His power comes to those who devote themselves to him and his cause. The early church waited for the Spirit, waited for power; but once they had received it they proceeded to carry out Jesus' directive: Go to all the world! A Christian, or a church, that wants God's power, for selfish reasons, will not be given it. A Christian, or a church, must pray for God's power so as to be able to witness for him,—so that he may win others for him,—will be of that prayer answered. The power will come. If the church today is making too feeble a mark in the world, is it because the church does not seek true spiritual power? Power for true spiritual service?

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## Washington Notes

### FOREST FIRES

In 1955 fewer forest fires burned out more acreage on Federal lands than in 1954, according to a report of the U. S. Forest Service. A total of 8,100 fires burned over 365,905 acres, as compared to 10,462 fires which burned 142,253 acres the previous year.

### DURUM WHEAT

President Eisenhower recently signed a bill allowing expanded production this year of durum wheat, used in macaroni, spaghetti, and similar products. This is one of the few wheats not in surplus supply in this country. The special legislation applies to approved counties in North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, South Dakota and California.

### AUTO SALES

Automobile sale during March were expected to reach 610,000 cars —the highest total in six months. This estimate compared with 513,000 sales in February this year and 699,000 in March, 1955.

### NAVAL ACADEMY

Rear Admiral William R. Smedberg, 3rd, son of a West Point general and father of a midshipman, was recently sworn in as the thirty-ninth superintendent of the United States Naval Academy, replacing Rear Admiral Walter F. Boone, who will soon be promoted to admiral, and assume the four-star assignment of Commander in Chief, Naval Forces Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, with headquarters in London.

### SAVINGS

Individual savings of citizens of this country reached a staggering total of $234,820,000,000 at the end of last year. This is an average of about $1,420 for every man, woman and child in the country. The largest proportion—$73,700,000,000—is in life insurance. Other big items were $50,300,000,000 in Government bonds, $46,000,000,000 in time deposits at commercial banks, $32,350,000,000 in accounts at savings and loan associations and $28,175,000,000 in savings banks.

### EARTH SATELLITES

The United States now plans to launch twelve earth satellites instead of the ten originally announced, hoping that at least eight will stay up as "laboratories in space." The satellites will be launched at different intervals between July 1, 1957, and June, 1959.

### NEWSPRINT USE

Production and consumption of newsprint in this country in February set new records for the month. The combined output of United States and Canadian mills for the month totaled 645,128 tons, nine per cent above the total for February, 1955. Consumption in the United States for the month was estimated at 523,365 tons, a gain of 8.8 per cent over February of last year.

### WAR VETERANS

Of the total of 22,131,000 American war veterans, as of last December 31, New York State continues to lead all other states with 2,230,000. California ranked second with 1,839,000; Pennsylvania third with 1,626,000. Nevada had the fewest, with only 28,000.

### NOT IN STOCK

Des Moines, Ia.- A letter from a man in Cornwall, England, was received by Homer Jewett recently. The man wanted a couple of new parts for his No. 5 model Jewett typewriter, which, Jewett said, have not been manufactured since 1908. The parts, of course, were not available.

## Stonewall

Stonewall, April 2.- I hope every one had a happy Easter and all attended church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette are all smiles. They have another grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray Burnette, of Concord at Virginia Baptist Hospital last Monday, March 26. He is Tom Ray Burnette, Jr. Congratulations to the happy parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Nixon, of Lincolnton, N. C., and Miss Louise Burnette, of Harrisonburg, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson visited his mother, Mrs. Lula T. Morgan, in Roanoke on Sunday. Also his brother, Wilton Carson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Vfrgil Carson, of Roanoke spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson and other relatives.

Mr. O. W. Martin, Jr., of Mt. Comfort Church, filled the pulpit at Bethel Church on Sunday morning. He brought such a wonderful Easter message, and it was enjoyed by all present. Mr. Martin is a fine young Christian man, and loved by all who know him.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Judy and son, of Fincastle, spent the week-end with her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson, and other home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes had as their dinner guests on Saturday Mr. L. R. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brown and three children, of Gladstone, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jobe and two boys, of Amherst.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown had as their guests her father, Mr. Gaulden, and his daughter, of Statesville, N. C. for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and two children, of Appomattox, and Mrs. Harold B. Jones, of Richmond, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Caldwell are back home and both improving. They have both been sick for quite a while. Hope they both will soon be real well again.

We want to wish Lawrence Beard a happy birthday next Sunday, April the 8th, and hope that he will spend many more such ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson spent last Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick. So glad to see Lester walking so well once more, after being in for over three months with both legs broken.

Pakistan has reacted with lively interest to Moscow's offer of substantial industrial assistance.

### CASH IN MATTRESS

Medford, Mass. Police were puzzled by the screaming protests of Albert Goodrich, 86, when they rescued him from his blazing apartment. Taken to a hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation, Goodrich told them he had $100 hidden in the burning mattress. They returned to the scene of the fire and found the mattress, which had been thrown into the yard, with the $100 intact.

### MONEY IN SHOE

Pierre, S. D.- Walking into the office of the Daily Capital Journal, a woman ordered four copies of the newspaper. She took off an overshoe and shoe to obtain a quarter to pay for them. Then she put the nickel change in her shoe, replaced the overshoe, picked up the papers and walked out.

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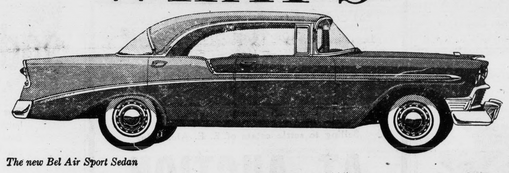

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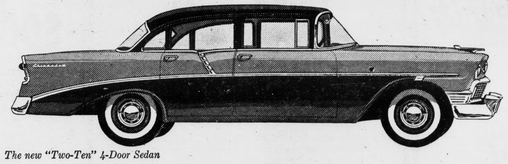

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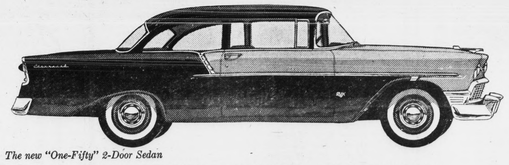

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